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SUBJ: TRAVELS OF KOREAN FOR MIN

REF: SEOUL 2597

1. SOUTH KOREAN FOR MIN DONG-JO DEPARTING ABIDJAN EVENING MAY 14 FOR PARIS AFTER CHAIRING ROK AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE DURING PAST THREE DAYS. VISIT INCLUDED TRIP TO DISTANT ODIENNE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, WHEHDDS T IS SAID MINISTER RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF IVORIAN FRIENDSHIP FOR ROK AND OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION AT UN. MINISTER USHER ALSO HOSTED DINNER FOR MINISTER AND PARTY. KOREANS HAVE LET KNOWN THAT TRADE AND FISHERIES AGREEMENTS ARE BEING NEGOTIATED WITH GOIC.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED REQUEST MAY 13 TO ISSUE VISAS URGENTLY TO TWO ROK FON MIN REPRESENTATIVES FOR TRAVEL TO US. PROBING UNCOVERED THAT THEY WILL ACCOMPANY FOR MIN KIM ON US VISIT NOW BEING ARRANGED. EMB OFF SPOKE SUBSEQUENTLY WITH FRIENDLY KOREAN DIPLOMAT WHO WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS MINISTER'S TRIP. HE ADMITTED THAT ROK EMBASSY WASHINGTON NOW SETTING UP THE VISIT AND THAT, IN PROCESS, IT MAY BE MAKING CONTACT WITH DEPART-
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MENT, ALTHOUGH HE SAID KIM APPEARS INTERESTED PARTICULARLY IN

CONTACT WITH "OTHER AGENCIES." KOREAN EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY
FACT THAT TRIP WAS VERY CONFIDENTIAL AND ASKED THAT WE KEEP IT AS
QUIET AS POSSIBLE. KIM IS TO REMAIN IN PARIS UNTIL HE RECEIVES
GREEN LIGHT FROM HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO PROCEED TO US.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW IF ANY OF PARA. 2 IS NEWS TO ADDRESSEES
BUT BELIEVED IT WORTH REPORTING, IF ONLY BECAUSE KOREANS BEING SO
CAREFUL TO KEEP IT QUIET. MINISTER HAS VALID VISA.
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